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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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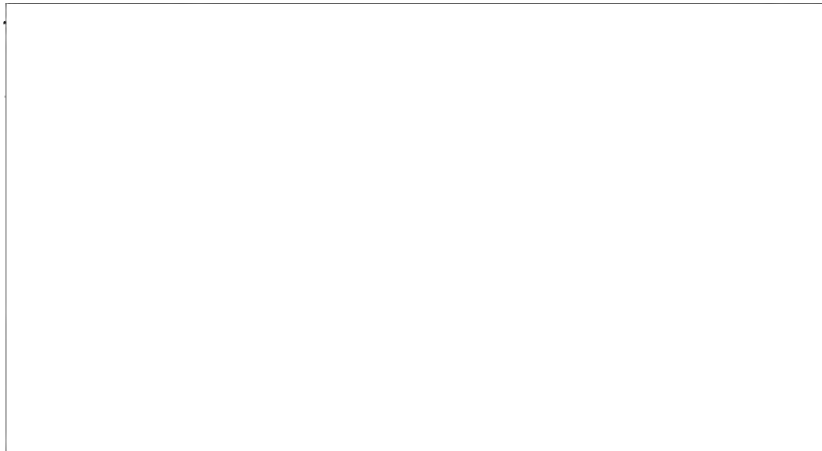
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1. Vietnam

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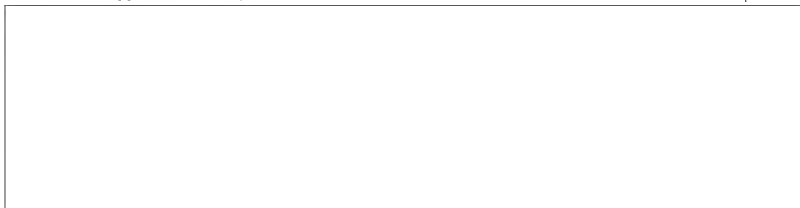


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In its most recent public declarations, Hanoi has insisted that the US would have to withdraw before any "settlement" could be reached.

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The Viet Cong continue to withhold their main-force units from action.

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2. Peru

The Peruvians are alert for trouble along the border with Ecuador.

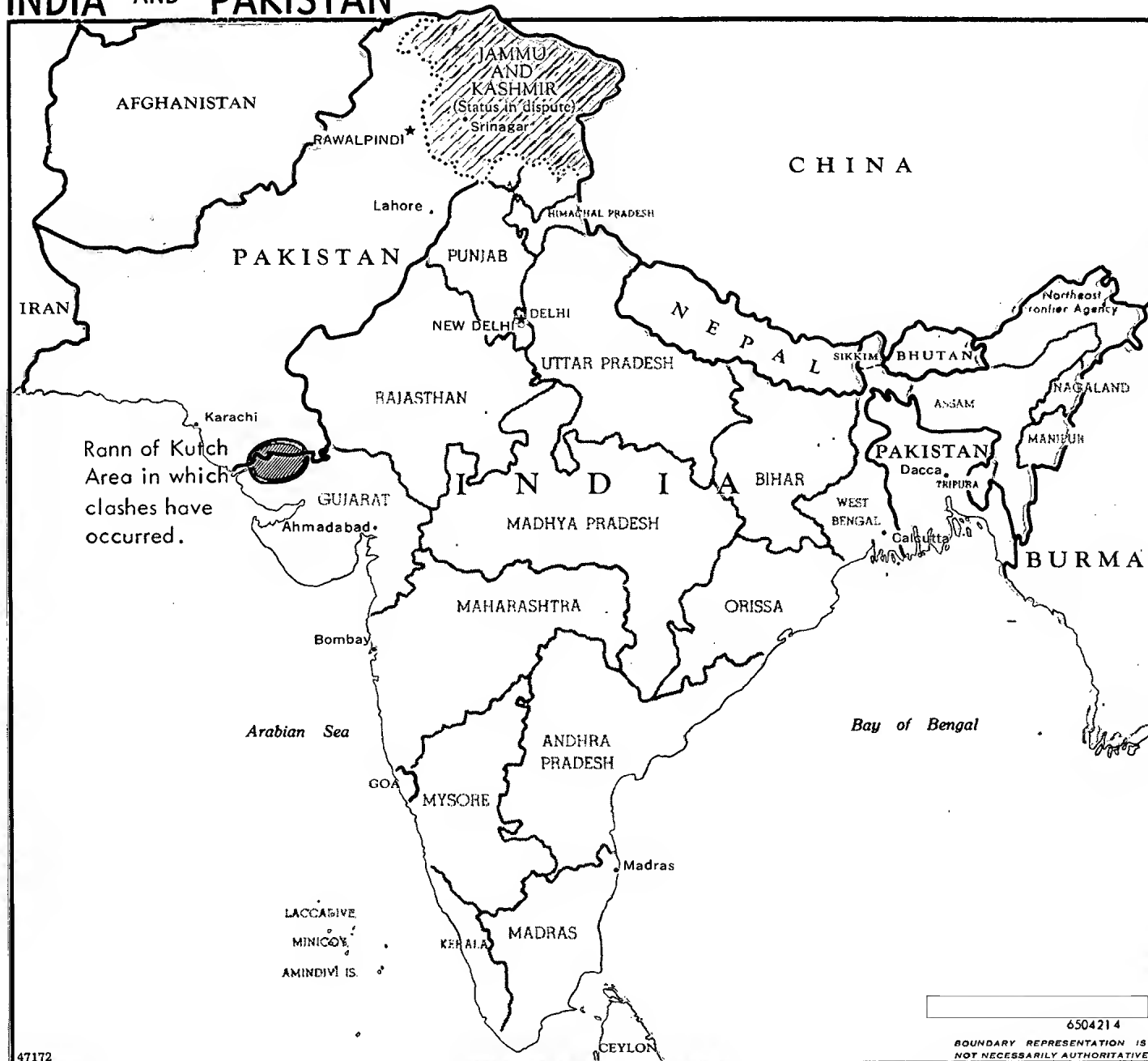
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There have been reports that Ecuador might seek to provoke border incidents before next month's OAS meeting in an effort to draw attention to its case for border revision.

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN



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3. India

The situation in the disputed Kutch marshes has become more ominous.

Pakistan extended the front last Wednesday by attacking Indian positions some 20 miles east of the scene of earlier clashes. (See Map) In addition, artillery duels have been growing in intensity since last Sunday.

Each side has some 4,000 troops in the area. Both are deploying additional forces.

The chief of the Indian Army claimed that Pakistan used US-built tanks in the Wednesday attacks. He is apparently hoping that international restraints will be applied on the Pakistanis so that popular Indian pressures on him to reply in kind will be eased.

If US tanks were used, they were supplied by the US under MAP.

4. West Germany

Bonn will be keeping an anxious eye on the progress of Gromyko's visit to France next week. Erhard and his government are already concerned over what they see as a dangerous De Gaulle flirtation with Moscow.

The Germans are also nervous about the French attitude on other subjects of particular interest to Bonn, such as European political integration.

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5. Cambodia

Sihanouk

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[redacted] now seems
to be haggling over the terms of a con-
ference on Cambodia. [redacted]

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In a [redacted] rambling speech today
Sihanouk said he did not want Thailand,
South Vietnam or the US to take part.
He would restrict the participants to the
eight nations that signed the 1954
Geneva agreements. His foreign minister
explained that the reference to the US
was based on Sihanouk's belief that the
US did not want to attend, but that US
participation was not "ruled out."

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